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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 17, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended from May 17, 2001 to July 17, 2001. Applicants also provide herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner requires restriction of the claims to one of 5 restriction groups. Applicants elect the Examiner's restriction group 1 (Claims 1-11, drawn to compositions in which the inhibitor is limited to G1, and the solvent and surfactant can vary as the claims permit, along with Claims 12-19). For purposes of the Examiner's search, Applicants point out that preferred HIV protease inhibitors within the elected claims are ritonavir (see Claim 2) and a combination of ritonavir and ABT-378 (see Claim 3).

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submit herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO1449. The following information is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 in accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56. This submission is not an admission that the documents cited herein are prior art as to the invention claimed. Because this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted before the first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required.

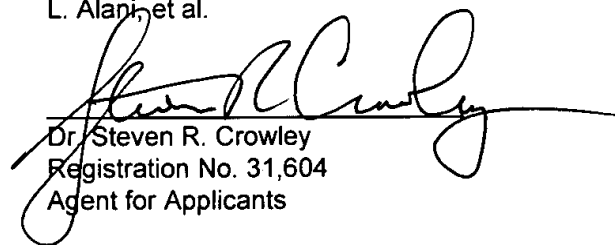
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Action Requested

Favorable action on Claims 1-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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